and other short periods, the Queen in answer to their petition hath caused restraint to be put on the bringing in of all pepper into the realm from 25th December

z6tb December PLAYING RESUMED

As the plague is now abated, playing begins again at the Rose Theatre by the Earl of Sussex's men, who played *God Speed the Plough* this day

zqth December PLAYS AT THE ROSE

During these three days past the Earl of Sussex's men played *Huon of Bordeau\, Geoige a Grecn^ Buckingham^* and *Richard the Confessor*

list December GENTLEMEN'S SONS OVERSEAS

The Council issue a warrant for inquisition to be made in the counties of X-mcoln, Hertford and Essex as to what gentlemen have sons relieved or maintained out of the realm that are sent over under colour to learn languages or for any other respects, and are not notoriously employed in the Queen's martial services or trade or merchandise as apprentices to known merchants A catalogue is to be made as well of the parents as of the sons so sent over , in what parts they be , and how long they have been absent Bonds are to be taken of the fathers if any are known recusants or have been evil affected or are but feignedly reformed , and their houses to be searched for seminary priests, Jesuits and other suspected persons, books, letters and writings concerning matter against the State or established religion

CHAPMAN'S 2/cta I/I//CTO?

2«m *VUKTOS,* or *"The Shadow of Night, containing two poetical hymns,* devised by Mr George Chapman, is entered, being dedicated to Mr Matthew Roydon, to whom he wnteth that it is the exceeding rapture of delight in the deep search of know-

ledge that maketh men manfully endure the extremes incident
to that Herculean labour But what a supererogation in wit
this is, to think Skill so mightily pierced with their loves who
read but to curtail a tedious hour that she should prostitutely
show them her secrets, when she will scarcely be looked upon by
others but with invocation, fasting, watching, yea, not without
having drops of their souls like a heavenly familiar Yet are